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Medtronic, Inc.	Date <u>Mar 4, 2004</u>
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Jesus Wilfredo Casas-Bejar et al.)
Serial No. : 09/063,227)
Filed : April 20, 1998) Group Art Unit:
For : Medical Electrical Leads and Indwelling Catheters with) 3763
Enhanced Biocompatibility and Biostability) Examiner:
Docket No. : P7109.00) J. Thissell

REQUEST CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114,
REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 &
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D. C. 20231
Sir:

Applicants submit amendments and their reply to the final office action dated September 5, 2003, and request to continue examination (RCE). In the Final Office Action received by the applicants, the disposition of the claims stood as follows:

- ♦ Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 41, 43 and 44 are pending in the application.
- ♦ Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 41, 43, and 44 are rejected.

Applicants authorize the office to charge deposit account No. 13-2546, in the name of Medtronic, Inc., the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for request

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